

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Department of Horticulture and Forestry
Rutgers, The State University and Dr. Oved Shifriss

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED NOVEL VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF *seventeen* YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. UNITED STATES SEED OF THIS VARIETY (1) SHALL BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS OFFICIAL CERTIFIED SEED AND (2) SHALL CONFORM TO THE NUMBER OF GENERATIONS REQUIRED BY THE OWNER OF THE RIGHTS. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SQUASH

'Jersey Golden Acorn'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington this 29th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight.

Attest:

[Signature]
Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Grain Division
Agricultural Marketing Service

[Signature]
Secretary of Agriculture



APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

INSTRUCTIONS: See Reverse.

1a. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OF VARIETY Golden Acorn		1b. VARIETY NAME <u>JERSEY</u> <u>R/S 11/27/79</u> Rutgers Golden Acorn		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PV NUMBER 7800032	
2. KIND NAME Squash		3. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME <u>Cucurbita pepo L.</u>		FILING DATE 3-17-78 TIME 3:00 A.M. P.M.	
4. FAMILY NAME (BOTANICAL) <u>Cucurbitaceae</u>		5. DATE OF DETERMINATION April 1, 1977		FEE RECEIVED \$ 260.00 \$ 250.00 \$ 250.00	
6. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station Rutgers University		7. ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code) P.O. Box 231 New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903		DATE 3-17-78 3-17-78 7-31-78	
9. IF THE NAMED APPLICANT IS NOT A PERSON, FORM OF ORGANIZATION: (Corporation, partnership, association, etc.) New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station		10. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE AND DATE OF INCORPORATION New Jersey - 1880		8. TELEPHONE AREA CODE AND NUMBER 201-932-9711 201-932-9322	
11. DATE OF INCORPORATION 1880					
12. Name and mailing address of applicant representative(s), if any, to serve in this application and receive all papers: Dr. B. L. Pollack, Chairman Department of Horticulture & Forestry, Blake Hall P.O. Box 231 New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903 Dr. Oved Shifriss Department of Horticulture & Forestry, Blake Hall P.O. Box 231 New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903					
13. CHECK BOX BELOW FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13A. Exhibit A, Origin and Breeding History of the Variety (See Section 52 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.) (enclosed) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13B. Exhibit B, Novelty Statement. (enclosed) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13C. Exhibit C, Objective Description of the Variety (Request form from Plant Variety Protection Office.) (enclosed) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13D. Exhibit D, Additional Description of the Variety. (enclosed)					
14A. Does the applicant(s) specify that seed of this variety be sold by variety name only as a class of certified seed? (See Section 83(a). (If "Yes," answer 14B and 14C below.) R/S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO					
14B. Does the applicant(s) specify that this variety be limited as to number of generations? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		14C. If "Yes," to 14B, how many generations of production beyond breeder seed? <input type="checkbox"/> FOUNDATION <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFIED			
15. Does the applicant(s) agree to the publication of his/her (their) name(s) and address in the Official Journal? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
16. The applicant(s) declare(s) that a viable sample of basic seed of this variety will be deposited upon request before issuance of a certificate and will be replenished periodically in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable. 2,500 seed mailed under separate cover to the above address. The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced novel plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Act.					

Applicant(s) is (are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.

12/22/77
(DATE)George A. Wisniewski
(SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT)
Director, New Jersey Agr. Exp. Sta.

(DATE)

(SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT)

INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL: Send an original copy of the application, exhibits and \$250.00 fee to U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service, Grain Division, National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, Maryland 20705. (See Section 180.175 of the regulations and rules of practice.) Retain one copy for your files. All items on the face of the form are self-explanatory unless noted below.

ITEM

5. Give the date the applicant determined that he had a new variety based on (1) the definition in Section 41(a) of the Act and (2) the date a decision was made to increase the seed.

- 13a Give (1), the genealogy, including public and commercial varieties, lines, or clones used, and the breeding method. (2), the details of subsequent stages of selection and multiplication. (3), the type and frequency of variants during reproduction and multiplication and state how these variants may be identified and (4), evidence of stability.

- 13b Give a summary statement of the variety's novelty. Clearly state how this novel variety may be distinguished from all other varieties in the same crop. If the new variety most closely resembles one or a group of related varieties; (1) identify these varieties and state all differences objectively; (2) Attach statistical data for characters expressed numerically and demonstrate that these differences are significant; and (3) submit, if helpful, seed and plant specimens or photographs of seed and plant comparisons clearly indicating novelty.

- 13c Fill in the Exhibit C, Objective Description form for all characteristics, for which you have adequate data.

- 13d Describe any additional characteristics that are not described, or whose description cannot be accurately conveyed in Exhibit C. Use comparative varieties as is necessary to reveal more accurately the description of characteristics that are difficult to describe; such as; plant habit, plant color, disease resistance, etc.

- 14a If "YES" is specified (seed of this variety be sold by variety name only as a class of certified seed) the applicant may NOT reverse his affirmative decision after the variety has either been sold and so labeled or published or the certificate has been issued. However, if the applicant specifies "NO", he may change his choice. (See Section 180.15 of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.)

Exhibit A

r/s 11/27/79

Origin and Breeding History of 'Jersey Rutgers Golden Acorn'

I. Major steps in breeding history

1. A genetically stable line was developed in 1954 through in-breeding and selection in the bicolor-fruited ornamental gourd, 'Pear', Cucurbita pepo var. ovifera Alef. This line carried a stable gene B for precocious fruit pigmentation.

2. Gene B was transferred from the BB line of the ornamental 'Pear' to the edible cultivar Small Sugar, bb, C. pepo L., through 8 backcrosses followed by selfing and selection. The new inbred, 'Precocious Small Sugar' (PSS) BB was developed in 1966.

3. Gene B was transferred from PSS to cultivar Table King, bb, through 6 backcrosses followed by selfing and selection. The isogenic BB line of Table King was established in Spring of 1977. It was tentatively named Golden Acorn but this name was changed later (December 19, 1977) into Rutgers Golden Acorn.

4. To the best of my knowledge 'Jersey Rutgers Golden Acorn' does not consist of regular genetic variants that are "part of the variety description". Specifically, we have tested 14 self-pollinated progenies of 'Jersey Rutgers Golden Acorn', 50-62 plants in each progeny, or a total of 770 individuals all of which conformed to the expected phenotype of 'Jersey Rutgers Golden Acorn'.

5. The above statement on genetic stability does not exclude the possibility that some rogues may occur in 'Jersey Rutgers Golden Acorn' as a result of outcrossing. Indeed, we have recently found that our stock 77/IGA of 'Jersey Rutgers Golden Acorn' consists of about 1% rogues, 11 out of 1200 plants. The 11 rogues were examined carefully and there is no doubt that they represent F₁ (Bb) contaminants. The seed of this stock was produced in isolation near Imlaystown, New Jersey, by a cabbage grower. Obviously the isolation was not perfect and some stray pollen from distant gardens contaminated this stock to the extent specified (1%). The seed that I sent you originated from lot #1 of the same stock. Therefore, it may also consist of about 1% rogues - exceptionally vigorous plants bearing fruits with green peduncles (Bb), of deviant shape, and sometime bicolor.

II. References

Shifriss, O. 1955. Genetics and origin of the bicolor gourds. J. Heredity 46: 213-222.

The genetic stabilization and identification of element B was reported in this paper.

_____. 1965. The unpredictable gourds. Amer. Hort. Mag. 44: 184-2-1. Figures 10, 11, 12 of this paper illustrate clearly the difference between the standard, bb; and the precocious, BB, systems of fruit pigmentation.

Exhibit B
Novelty Statement
Concerning Rutgers Golden Acorn

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1. Comparable cultivars

^{JERSEY} Rutgers Golden Acorn' is related to the 'Table Queen' group of winter squash cultivars of Cucurbita pepo L. This group includes 'Burpee Bush Table Queen', 'Mammoth Table Queen' (vine), 'Royal Bush', 'Table Ace' (semi bush), 'Table King' (bush), 'Table Queen' (vine), and 'Uconn' (bush). The fruits of this group of cultivars are acorn-shaped, dark green when ripe, and have similar culinary qualities.

But more specifically, ^{JERSEY} Rutgers Golden Acorn' is isogenic to 'Table King' except for genes at locus B (see Exhibit A), 'Table King' being bb and ^{JERSEY} Rutgers Golden Acorn' BB.

2. Novelty statement

^{JERSEY} Unlike the green fruits of the above-listed commercial varieties, the fruits of ^{JERSEY} Rutgers Golden Acorn' are orange as the name of this variety implies. This clear difference in exterior color of the fruit is associated with several unique features.

(i) Yellow pigmentation occurs prior to anthesis, i.e., long before the pistillate flower opens. And this precocious yellow pigmentation extends most prominently to the proximal region of the corolla as well as to the peduncle (Figure 1 enclosed).

(ii) As the fruit grows it becomes progressively more deeply ^{JERSEY} orange both externally and internally. Invariably, the flesh of ^{JERSEY} Rutgers Golden Acorn' is more deeply orange than that of 'Table King' (Figure 1). The same appears to be true with regard to the other comparable varieties.

(iii) Laboratory determinations show that the flesh of ^{JERSEY} Rutgers Golden Acorn' contains 2-3 times more carotenes and 4-5 times more xanthophylls than the flesh of 'Table King'. With regard to total carotenes, 'Rutgers Golden Acorn' contains 1.6 times more beta carotene than 'Table King' (see attached table entitled 1977 Table King - Golden Acorn pigments).

(iv) According to a sensory test made by Dr. E. F. Stier of our Food Science Department, a statistically significant number of people prefer ^{JERSEY} Rutgers Golden Acorn' over 'Table King' because the baked fruits (ripe) of the former are superior in flavor, tenderness, and freedom of fiber.

(v) Immature fruits, not over 2-inch in polar diameter, have unique quality when steamed and eaten whole (with butter, or margarine, and salt added to taste).

(vi) Under some still ill-defined ecological conditions, a small proportion (<10%) of the fruits have a tiny green area at the proximal end very close to the peduncle. This green area is usually too small to be conspicuous.

~~JERSEY~~ (vii) Unlike 'Table King' and other comparable varieties, 'Rutgers Golden Acorn' is susceptible to temporary leaf yellowing under some adverse conditions such as very low temperatures early in the Spring. But the plant usually overcomes this adversity and grows normally thereafter.

With respect to most morphological characteristics - including size and shape of leaves and flowers as well as growth habit - ~~Rutgers~~ Golden Acorn' is indistinguishable from 'Table King'.

With respect to total yield, ~~JERSEY~~ Golden Acorn' is either equal or superior to 'Table King', but it is probably later in maturity (see enclosed report entitled Comparative Yield of 'Golden Acorn' and its Related Cultivars by Joseph Steinke, Harry S. Paris, and Oved Shifriss). The available data suggest that the yield superiority of 'Rutgers Golden Acorn' might be expressed in regions of long growing seasons and where temperatures during emergence are not below 60°F.

3. Comment

A Yellow Bush cultivar of the 'Table Queen' group was offered to the trade some years ago. But to the best of my knowledge this cultivar is no longer in commerce. Furthermore, whereas Yellow Bush belonged to the standard bb system of fruit pigmentation, 'Rutgers Golden Acorn' belongs to the precocious BB system of fruit pigmentation. This means that the yellow fruit color of Yellow Bush was conditioned by gene Y. The Y gene is expressed at anthesis or post-anthesis stages and its effects on fruit quality are quite different from those of gene B. At any rate, the two varieties could be easily distinguished from each other by a number of features which separate the standard system from the precocious system of pigmentation.

4. Conclusion

'Rutgers Golden Acorn' is most similar to 'Table King'.
~~JERSEY~~

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(12-16-74)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
GRAIN DIVISION
HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20782EXHIBIT C
(Pumpkin/
Squash/Gourd)OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
PUMPKIN/SQUASH/GOURD (CUCURBITA SPP.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S)

N.J. Agricultural Experiment Station

ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code)

Rutgers - The State University
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903VARIETY NAME OR TEMPORARY
DESIGNATION

RUTGERS GOLDEN ACORN

JERSEY Rps 11/27/79

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Place the appropriate number that describes the varietal character of this variety in the boxes below.

Place a zero in first box (e.g. or) when number is either 99 or less or 9 or less.

1. SPECIES:

 1 = LAGENARIA 2 = MAXIMA 3 = MIXTA 4 = MOSCHATA 5 = PEPO 6 = OTHER (Specify) _____

2. KIND (According to use):

 1 = PUMPKIN 2 = SQUASH 3 = GOURD

3. TYPE:

See also Exhibit E, 2v

 1 = SUMMER (Vegetable Marrow) 2 = WINTER (Boston Marrow)

4. COTYLEDON:

 MM. LONG MM. WIDE Apex: 1 = TAPERED 2 = ROUNDED 3 = NOTCHED Veining: 1 = OBSCURE 2 = PLAINLY VISIBLE
3 = PROMINENT 1 = LIGHT GREEN 2 = GRAY-GREEN 3 = MEDIUM GREEN 4 = DARK GREEN

5. PLANT:

 1 = BUSH 2 = SEMI-BUSH 3 = LONG VINES 1 = PILOSE 2 = PRICKLY 3 = GLABROUS

6. MAIN STEM:

 1 = ROUND 2 = ANGLED MM. DIAMETER AT MID-
POINT OF FIRST INTERNODE CM. AVERAGE LENGTH AVERAGE NUMBER OF INTERNODES

7. LEAVES:

 Shape: 1 = OVATE 2 = ORBICULAR Shape: 1 = NOT LOBED 2 = SHALLOW LOBED
3 = RENIFORM 4 = RETUSE 3 = DEEP LOBED Margin: 1 = ENTIRE 2 = DENTICULATE 3 = DENTATE Margin: 1 = FLAT 2 = FRILLED CM. WIDE CM. LONG Surface: 1 = SMOOTH 2 = BLISTERED Dorsal Surface: } 1 = GLABROUS 2 = SOFT HAIRY 3 = BRISTLED
 Ventral Surface: } 1 = LIGHT GREEN 2 = GRAY-GREEN 1 = NOT BLOTCHED 2 = BLOTCHED WITH GRAY
3 = MEDIUM GREEN 4 = DARK GREEN CM. PETIOLE LENGTH

8a. FLOWER - Pistillate:

 CM. DIAMETER Ovary: 1 = DRUM-LIKE 3 = FUSIFORM Pedicel: CM. LENGTH **Precociously-**
2 = TURBINATE **pigmented** Margin: 1 = STRAIGHT 2 = CURVED Margin: 1 = PLAIN 2 = FRILLED Sepals: MM. WIDTH Sepals: MM. LENGTH Color: 1 = WHITE 2 = LEMON YELLOW 3 = MID-YELLOW 4 = DEEP YELLOW 5 = ORANGE Proximal region of corolla precociously pigmented, distal end normal

Oved Shifriss
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Exhibit D

Additional Description of 'Rutgers Golden Acorn'

'JERSEY' Rys 11/27/79

Careful observations in the field suggest that plants of ^{*'JERSEY'*}~~'Rutgers'~~ Golden Acorn' are more strongly female than plants of 'Table King'. But this suggestion has not been tested yet experimentally.

Excellent seed producer

(added by OS)



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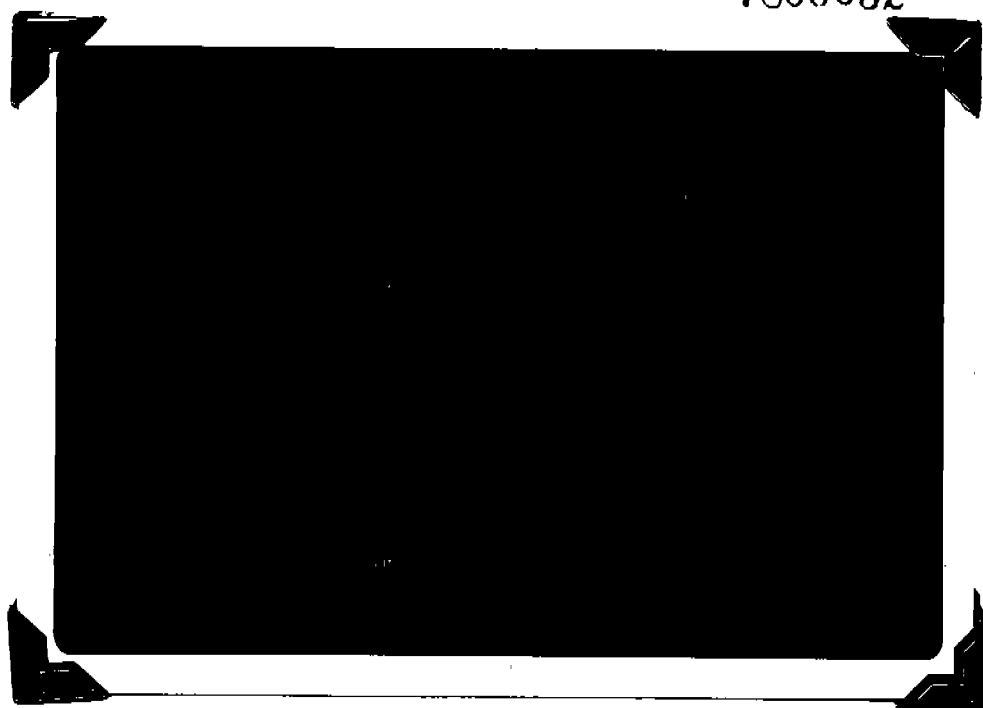


Figure 1. Fruits of 'Table King' (left) and ^{'JERSEY'}~~Rutgers~~ Golden Acorn'. Note the extension of yellow pigmentation to the peduncle of the latter, a distinct "marker".

(0.42 natural size)

1977 TABLE KING - GOLDEN ACORN PIGMENTS

Comparable levels of carotenes and xanthophylls in 'Table King' and 'Golden Acorn' based on a composite fresh sample (10g) obtained from the mesocarp of 10 fruits of each cultivar. The two cultivars were grown in a replicated test in New Brunswick, New Jersey, summer 1977.

Cultivars ²	Genotype	Carotenes ^y ($\mu\text{g/g}$)	BB/bb (carotenes)	Xanthophylls ^y ($\mu\text{g/g}$)	BB/bb (xanthophylls)
Table King	bb	2.40 ^{x,w}		2.54 ^w	
^{JERSEY} Golden Acorn	BB	8.17 ^{x,w}	3.4	12.38 ^w	4.9

^z The two cultivars are isogenic except for locus B.

^y Determinations were made by the New Jersey Feed Laboratory, 910 Pennsylvania Ave., Trenton, N.J. 08603.

^x According to determinations made by Nutrition International, Incorporated, 340 Commercial Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08902, Table King contains 401 IU/100g and Golden Acorn contains 638 IU/100g of beta carotene, the BB/bb ratio for beta carotene being 1.6. These determinations were based on a composite fresh sample taken from the same material used by New Jersey Feed Laboratory.

^w In Centerton, N.J., 1977, the carotene values ($\mu\text{g/g}$) for bb, Bb, and BB (Golden Acorn) fruits of Table King background were 3.3, 6.2, and 6.1, the BB/bb ratio for total carotenes being 1.8; and the xanthophyll values ($\mu\text{g/g}$) for the same genotypes were 7.2, 33.8, and 33.6, the BB/bb ratio for total xanthophylls being 4.7 (data from the New Jersey Feed Laboratory). These data indicate that B is completely dominant over b with respect to both total carotenes and total xanthophylls.

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JERSEY
Comparative Yield of Golden Acorn and its Related Cultivars

Joseph Steinke, Harry S. Paris, and Oved Shifriss

Background and Objective: Gene B was transferred from the ornamental gourd Pear to the edible cv. Small Sugar through eight backcrosses and from Small Sugar to cv. Table King through six additional backcrosses. The BB line of Table King background has been named tentatively Golden Acorn. This line was tested for yield during the 1977 season against its isogenic Bb and bb lines, as well as related cultivars, in four trials.

For Trial I, planted 4/12, five plants of each of the three isogenic lines were grown in Dr. W. O. Drinkwater's garden at the Vegetable Research Farm.

For Trial II, planted 4/30, ten plants of each of the isogenic BB and bb lines were grown on aluminum foil at the Vegetable Research Farm.

For Trial III, planted 4/29, five plants of each of the three isogenic lines, as well as of the standard Table King (Harris Seeds) were grown at the Centerton Research Farm.

For Trial IV, planted 6/29, an 8 x 8 Latin square design was used. Sixteen plants of each of the eight lines and cultivars were used, two plants per plot (total 128 plants). The lines and cultivars used, in addition to the isogenic BB, Bb and bb lines, were: 'Table Queen' (Harris), 'Mammoth Table Queen' (Northrup-King), 'Table Ace' (Harris), the F_1 of the cross 'Golden Acorn' x 'Table Queen' (Bb), and the F_1 of the cross ^{JERSEY}'Golden Acorn' x Mammoth Table Queen' (Bb).

The results from Trials I and III were treated statistically with analysis of variance coupled with the honestly significant difference test. Trial II was treated statistically with a t-test.

The horizontal lines in the h.s.d. tables graphically depict the statistically significant differences between cultivars. If the same line underscores two or more cultivars, then the differences between these cultivars are not statistically significant. If any two cvs. are not underscored by the same line, then their difference is statistically significant.

Results

(A+B)

The data from Trial I are presented in Table 1. There were no statistically significant differences between the isogenic lines for the first harvest, made on 9/2. The second harvest was made on 9/19. For the total harvest, the number of fruit in BB was significantly higher than that of bb. In total weight of fruits per plant, BB was also significantly greater than bb.

The data from Trial II are presented in Table 2. There were no statistically significant differences.

The data from Trial III are presented in Table 3. There were no statistically significant differences.

The data from Trial IV are presented in Table 4. The highest number of fruits per plot was borne by 'Table Queen', this number being highly significant statistically over the Bb and bb isogenic lines of 'Table King'. The second highest number of fruits per plot were borne by ^{JERSEY}'Golden Acorn', (TK, BB), this number being statistically significant over standard bb 'Table King'.

The average weight of fruit was highest in 'Mammoth Table Queen', and was highly significant statistically over all others. The cross ^{JERSEY}'Golden

Acorn' x 'Mammoth Table Queen' was next largest in fruit size, significantly larger than the others. 'Table Queen', 'Table Ace' and the cross ^{'JERSEY'}Golden Acorn' x 'Table Queen' did not differ significantly in fruit size. The three isogenic lines of 'Table King' did not differ significantly in fruit size, either.

The total weight of fruits per plot was greatest in 'Mammoth Table Queen', statistically significant over the next highest, 'Table Queen'. 'Table Queen' did not differ statistically from the two crosses and 'Table Ace', but did differ from the three isogenic Table King lines. There was no difference between the three Table King lines.

Discussion

In no trial was ^{'JERSEY'}'Golden Acorn' (TK, BB) statistically inferior to standard 'Table King' in fruit number, fruit size, or total weight of fruits per plant. In Trials I and IV, ^{'JERSEY'}'Golden Acorn' yielded a statistically higher number of fruits than 'Table King' bb. This difference is highly significant in Trial IB and results in a significantly higher total weight of fruits per plant.

In Trial IV, in spite of the higher number of fruits per plant in ^{'JERSEY'}'Golden Acorn', there was no statistically significant difference between it and 'Table King' in total weight of fruits per plot. Quite a few fruits of ^{'JERSEY'}'Golden Acorn' from Trial IV did not appear to be fully mature at harvest, suggesting that the full yield potential of ^{'JERSEY'}'Golden Acorn' would be expressed only when ^{'JERSEY'}'Golden Acorn' is planted early and in longer growing seasons. In other words, ^{'JERSEY'}'Golden Acorn' might be later in maturity than 'Table King'. This lateness might be due to any one or a combination of the following causes:

- (a) Setback in growth due to yellowing of leaves in juvenile plants.

(b) Failure of the early female flowers to set.

(c) Slower growth of fruits.

The largest component of yield (total weight of fruits) in Trial IV is not fruit number but fruit size ('Mammoth Table Queen' leads all others). Vine types outyield the semi-bush types which outyield the bushes. The difference in yields between vines, semi-bushes, and bushes may reflect the same wide spacing used for all lines. On a per acre basis, with closer spacing for the bushes and semi-bushes, yields might be the same for all three types.

The fruits of Bb hybrids exhibit a small green area around the blossom scar, or around the peduncle, or both. The extent of the green area varies between Bb hybrids. Statistical analysis has revealed that 'Table King' Bb fruits have the least amount of green, followed by the hybrid of ^{'JERSEY'}Golden Acorn' x 'Mammoth Table Queen', followed by ^{'JERSEY'}Golden Acorn' x 'Table Queen' which exhibits the greatest extent of green area. A more detailed presentation of the data will be made later.

Summary of Yield

^{'JERSEY'}Golden Acorn' is in no case statistically inferior to but in some cases statistically superior to its parent, 'Table King', though it is probably later in maturity. The superiority of ^{'JERSEY'}Golden Acorn' over 'Table King' may be best expressed when planted early in the season.

Resume' of other information

Based on other information to be reported later, (1) ^{'JERSEY'}Golden Acorn' fruits contain 2-3 times more carotenes and 4-5 times more xanthophylls than 'Table King'; (2) a statistically significant number of people prefer ^{'JERSEY'}Golden

Resume of other information cont'd

Acorn' over 'Table King' with respect to flavor, tenderness, sweetness and freedom from fibers; (3) immature fruits (not over 2" in polar diameter) of 'Golden Acorn' are superior in quality when steamed, whole and might be used as a frozen product; (4) ^{JERSEY}'Golden Acorn' is susceptible to leaf yellowing when exposed to low temperatures but plants usually recover quickly and grow normally thereafter.

Table 1A. Early harvest in Trial I - Analysis of variance , honestly significant difference - TK refers to 'Table King' background. Weight is expressed in grams.

1. Number of fruits per plant.

<u>F ratio</u>	<u>H. s. d. Overlaps</u>		
	<u>TK Bb</u>	<u>TK bb</u>	<u>TK BB</u>
0.67	4.4	4.0	3.6
P = .05			
P = .01			

2. Average weight of fruit.

<u>F ratio</u>	<u>H. s. d. Overlaps</u>		
	<u>TK bb</u>	<u>TK BB</u>	<u>TK Bb</u>
1.77	516	483	435
P = .05			
P = .01			

3. Total weight of fruits per plant.

<u>F ratio</u>	<u>H. s. d. Overlaps</u>		
	<u>TK bb</u>	<u>TK Bb</u>	<u>TK BB</u>
0.27	2050	1922	1772
P = .05			
P = .01			

Table 1B. Total harvest in Trial I - Analysis of variance, honestly significant difference. TK refers to 'Table King' background. Weight is expressed in grams.

1. Number of fruits per plant.

<u>F ratio</u>	<u>H. s. d. Overlaps</u>		
	<u>TK BB</u>	<u>TK Bb</u>	<u>TK bb</u>
8.81**	12.4	8.8	6.8
P = .05	_____	_____	_____
P = .01	_____	_____	_____

2. Average weight of fruit.

<u>F ratio</u>	<u>H. s. d. Overlaps</u>		
	<u>TK bb</u>	<u>TK BB</u>	<u>TK Bb</u>
1.77	609	554	550
P = .05	_____	_____	_____
P = .01	_____	_____	_____

3. Total weight of fruits per plant.

<u>F ratio</u>	<u>H. s. d. Overlaps</u>		
	<u>TK BB</u>	<u>TK Bb</u>	<u>TK bb</u>
5.39*	6860	4890	4113
P = .05	_____	_____	_____
P = .01	_____	_____	_____

* Significant at 5% probability level.

** Significant at 1% probability level.

Table 2. Data for Trial II, t - test. TK refers to 'Table King' background. Weight is expressed in grams.

1. Number of fruits per plant.

TK BB: 2.9 TK bb: 3.8 $t = 1.99, P = 0.10 - 0.05$

2. Average weight of fruit.

TK BB: 582 TK bb: 515 $t = 1.73, P = 0.20 - 0.10$

3. Total weight of fruits per plant.

TK BB: 1643 TK bb: 1930 $t = 1.30, P = 0.30 - 0.20$

Table 3. Data for Trial III. Analysis of variance, honestly significant difference. TK refers to 'Table King' background. HTK refers to a commercial stock of 'Table King' obtained from Harris. Weight is expressed in grams.

1. Number of fruits per plant.

<u>F ratio</u>	<u>H. s. d. Overlaps</u>			
	HTK, <u>bb</u>	TK, <u>bb</u>	TK, <u>BB</u>	TK, <u>Bb</u>
0.75	9.4	8.6	8.0	7.8
P = .05				
P = .01				

2. Average weight of fruit.

<u>F ratio</u>	<u>H. s. d. Overlaps</u>			
	TK, <u>bb</u>	TK, <u>Bb</u>	HTK, <u>bb</u>	TK, <u>BB</u>
0.51	557	541	538	499
P = .05				
P = .01				

3. Total weight of fruits per plant.

<u>F ratio</u>	<u>H. s. d. Overlaps</u>			
	HTK, <u>bb</u>	TK, <u>bb</u>	TK, <u>BB</u>	TK, <u>BB</u>
3.16	5022	4757	4010	3947
P = .05				
P = .01				

Table 4. Data for Trial IV. Latin-Square design, honestly significant difference. See footnote for symbols of varieties. Weight is expressed in grams.

1. Number of fruits per plot.[†]

F ratio

4.16**

		<u>H. s. d. Overlaps</u>						
B	F	G	D	C	H	E	A	
12.0	10.8	9.9	9.1	9.0	9.0	7.8	7.1	

P = .05

P = .01

2. Average weight of fruit.

F ratio

65.91**

		<u>H. s. d. Overlaps</u>						
C	H	B	D	G	A	E	F	
1100	755	616	578	540	479	411	393	

P = .05

P = .01

3. Total weight of fruits per plot.[†]

F ratio

19.76**

		<u>H. s. d. Overlaps</u>						
C	B	H	G	D	F	A	E	
9908	7448	6725	5356	5238	4159	3428	3169	

P = .05

P = .01

Symbols of varieties grown:

A = Table King, bb

B = Table Queen, bb

C = Mammoth Table Queen, bb

D = Table Ace, bb

E = Table King, Bb

F = Table King, BB (Tentatively named Golden Acorn) 'JERSEY GOLDEN ACORN'

G = F₁ (Table King, BB x Table Queen, bb), Bb

H = F₁ (Table King, BB x Mammoth Table King, bb), Bb

** Significant at 1% probability level.

[†] Two plants per plot.

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
PUMPKIN/SQUASH/GOURD (CUCURBITA SPP.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) <u>N.J. Agricultural Experiment Station</u>	VARIETY NAME OR TEMPORARY DESIGNATION <u>RUTGERS GOLDEN ACORN</u>
ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code) <u>Rutgers - The State University</u> <u>New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903</u>	<u>JERSEY</u> <u>43</u> <u>11/27/79</u> FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER <u>7800032</u>

Place the appropriate number that describes the varietal character of this variety in the boxes below.
Place a zero in first box (e.g. 089 or 09) when number is either 99 or less or 9 or less.

1. SPECIES:

<u>5</u>	1 = LAGENARIA	2 = MAXIMA	3 = MIXTA	4 = MOSCHATA	5 = PEPO	6 = OTHER (Specify) _____
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2. KIND (According to use):

<u>2</u>	1 = PUMPKIN	2 = SQUASH	3 = GOURD
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3. TYPE:

<u>2</u>	1 = SUMMER (Vegetable Marrow)	2 = WINTER (Boston Marrow)
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4. COTYLEDON:

<u>6</u> <u>5</u>	MM. LONG	<u>3</u> <u>8</u>	MM. WIDE				
<u>2</u>	Apex: 1 = TAPERED	2 = ROUNDED	3 = NOTCHED	<u>2</u>	Veining: 1 = OBSCURE	2 = PLAINLY VISIBLE	3 = PROMINENT
<u>4</u>	1 = LIGHT GREEN	2 = GRAY-GREEN	3 = MEDIUM GREEN	4 = DARK GREEN			

5. PLANT:

<u>1</u>	1 = BUSH	2 = SEMI-BUSH	3 = LONG VINES	<u>2</u>	1 = PILOSE	2 = PRICKLY	3 = GLABROUS
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6. MAIN STEM:

<u>1</u>	1 = ROUND	2 = ANGLED	<u>1</u> <u>5</u>	MM. DIAMETER AT MID-POINT OF FIRST INTERNODE	<u>1</u> <u>2</u> <u>0</u>	CM. AVERAGE LENGTH
<u> </u>	AVERAGE NUMBER OF INTERNODES					

7. LEAVES:

<u>4</u>	Shape: 1 = OVATE	2 = ORBICULAR	<u>3</u>	Shape: 1 = NOT LOBED	2 = SHALLOW LOBED	
	3 = RENIFORM	4 = RETUSE		3 = DEEP LOBED		
<u>2</u>	Margin: 1 = ENTIRE	2 = DENTICULATE	3 = DENTATE	<u>1</u>	Margin: 1 = FLAT	2 = FRILLED
<u>1</u> <u>8</u>	CM. WIDE	<u>1</u> <u>2</u>	CM. LONG	<u>1</u>	Surface: 1 = SMOOTH	2 = BLISTERED
<u>3</u>	Dorsal Surface: }	1 = GLABROUS	2 = SOFT HAIRY	3 = BRISTLED		
<u>3</u>	Ventral Surface: }					
<u>4</u>	1 = LIGHT GREEN	2 = GRAY-GREEN	<u>1</u>	1 = NOT BLOTCHED	2 = BLOTCHED WITH GRAY	
	3 = MEDIUM GREEN	4 = DARK GREEN				
<u>2</u> <u>2</u>	CM. PETIOLE LENGTH					

8a. FLOWER - Pistillate:

<u>2</u>	CM. DIAMETER	<u>2</u>	Ovary: 1 = DRUM-LIKE	3 = FUSIFORM	<u>3</u>	Pedicel: CM. LENGTH			
	2 = TURBinate								
<u> </u>	Margin: 1 = STRAIGHT	2 = CURVED	<u> </u>	Margin: 1 = PLAIN	2 = FRILLED	<u>4</u>	Sepals: MM. WIDTH	<u>2</u> <u>5</u>	Sepals: MM. LENGTH
<u>3</u>	Color: 1 = WHITE	2 = LEMON YELLOW	3 = MID-YELLOW	4 = DEEP YELLOW	5 = ORANGE				
Proximal region of corolla precociously pigmented, distal end normal									

8b. FLOWER - Staminate:

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 Sepals: MM LENGTH

 Sepals: MM WIDTH

 Pedicel: CM LENGTH

 Color: 1 = WHITE 2 = LEMON YELLOW 3 = MID-YELLOW 4 = DEEP YELLOW 5 = ORANGE

9. FRUIT (Market Maturity)

 CM LENGTH

 CM WIDTH (Medial)

 CM WIDTH (Blossom end)

GM AVERAGE WEIGHT

 Shape according to variety type: 1 = ACORN 2 = BANANA 3 = BUTTERCUP 4 = BUTTERNUT
 5 = CONNECTICUT FIELD 6 = CROOKNECK 7 = HUBBARD 8 = SCALLOP
 9 = STRAIGHTNECK 10 = OTHER (Specify) _____

 Apex: 1 = DEPRESSED 2 = FLATTENED

 Base: 3 = ROUNDED 4 = TAPER POINTED

 Ribs: 1 = NONE 2 = INCONSPICUOUS 3 = PROMINANT

 Rib Furrows: 1 = SHALLOW 2 = MEDIUM DEEP Rib Furrows: 1 = NARROW 2 = MEDIUM WIDE 3 = WIDE

 Fruit Surface: 1 = SMOOTH 2 = FINE WRINKLE 3 = SHALLOWLY WAVY

 Warts: 1 = NONE 2 = FEW 3 = MANY

 Blossom Scar Button: 1 = DEPRESSED 2 = SLIGHTLY EXTENDED 3 = RAISED ACORN

10. RIND

 MM THICKNESS AT MEDIAL 1 = SOFT 2 = HARD 3 = WOODY & TOUGH

 COLOR PATTERN: 1 = REGULAR 2 = IRREGULAR

COLORS: (Select two when necessary, i.e. Grayish- Buff)

 01 = WHITE 02 = CREAM 03 = YELLOW 04 = BUFF 05 = BROWN 06 = BRONZE 07 = GREEN 08 = ORANGE
 09 = PINK 10 = RED 11 = BLUE 12 = GRAY 13 = BLACK 14 = OTHER (Specify) _____

 SELF OR GROUND

PATTERN:

LOCATION OF PATTERN COLORS:

 STREAKS

 1 = NOT SPECIFIC

 STRIPES

 2 = STEM END HALF

 SPOTS

 3 = BLOSSOM END HALF

 BLOTCHES

 4 = ACORN OR TORBAN

 LACE

 5 = OTHER (Specify) _____

 OTHER (Specify) _____

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11. FLESH

 Thickness: MM BLOSSOM END

 Thickness: MM MEDIAL

 Thickness: MM STEM END

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☒ 4 or 1 Texture: 1 = FINE 2 = GRANULAR 3 = LUMPY
☒ 2 Texture: 1 = DRY 2 = MOIST 3 = JUICY
☒ 3 Quality: 1 = INEDIBLE 2 = GOOD 3 = EXCELLENT

☒ 2 Texture: 1 = SOFT 2 = FIRM 3 = BRITTLE
☒ 2 Flavor: 1 = INSIPID 2 = SLIGHTLY SWEET 3 = SWEET

☐ 0 ☐ 8 ☐ ☐ Color: (Choose from ring colors above)

12. SEED CAVITY: (Sectioned apex to base)

☐ 8 CM LENGTH ☐ 6 CM WIDTH

☒ 1 Location: 1 = CONFORMS TO FRUIT SHAPE 2 = NEAR APEX 3 = APEX ONLY
☒ 1 Placental Tissue: 1 = SPARSE 2 = MODERATELY ABUNDANT 3 = ABUNDANT
☒ 1 Center Core: 1 = INCONSPICUOUS 2 = PROMINANT

13. FRUIT STALKS

☐ 5 CM LENGTH ☐ 1 CM DIAMETER

☒ 2 1 = ROUND 5-sided 2 = IRREGULAR ☐ 1 = NOT TWISTED 2 = TWISTED ☐ 1 = NOT TAPERED 2 = TAPERED ☐ 1 = STRAIGHT 2 = SLIGHTLY CURVED 3 = CURVED

☒ 3 Texture: 1 = SOFT 2 = SPONGY 3 = HARD ☐ Farkows: 1 = NONE 2 = SHALLOW 3 = DEEP

☒ 2 Surface: 1 = SMOOTH 2 = ROUGH 3 = SPINY ☒ 2 Attachment End: 1 = NOT EXPANDED 2 = SLIGHTLY EXPANDED 3 = EXPANDED

☒ 1 Detaches: 1 = EASILY 2 = WITH DIFFICULTY ☒ * Color: 1 = LIGHT GREEN 2 = MEDIUM GREEN 3 = DARK GREEN

14. SEEDS

See sample

☐ 1 ☐ 3 MM LENGTH ☐ 8 MM WIDTH ☐ 2 MM THICKNESS

☒ 1 Face Surface: 1 = SMOOTH 2 = WRINKLED 3 = SLIGHTLY PITTED 4 = SCALY 5 = CREASED ☒ 3 Color: 1 = WHITE 2 = CREAM 3 = BUFF 4 = BROWN

☒ 1 Luster: 1 = DULL 2 = GLOSSY ☒ 1 Margin: 1 = STRAIGHT 2 = CURVED 3 = TWISTED

☐ Margin: 1 = ROUNDED 2 = WEDGE-LIKE

☒ 1 Separation from pulp: 1 = EASY 2 = MODERATELY EASY 3 = DIFFICULT ☐ ☐ GMS PER 100 SEEDS

☐ 1 ☐ 5 ☐ 0 NO. SEEDS PER FRUIT ☒ 1 1 = NORMAL 2 = NAKED

15. DISEASE RESISTANCE: (0 = Not Tested, 1 = Susceptible, 2 = Resistant)

Probably similar to 'Table King'

☐ 0 POWDERY MILDEW ☐ 0 CUCUMBER MOSAIC ☐ 0 SQUASH MOSAIC

☐ 0 WATERMELON MOSAIC ☐ 0 OTHER (Specify) _____

16. INSECT RESISTANCE: (0 = Not Tested, 1 = Susceptible, 2 = Resistant)

Probably similar to 'Table King'

☐ 0 SQUASH BUG ☐ 0 SQUASH BORER ☐ 0 OTHER (Specify) _____

17. INDICATE A VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLING THAT SUBMITTED FOR EACH CHARACTER

CHARACTER	VARIETY	CHARACTER	VARIETY
PLANT HABIT	Table King	FRUIT SHAPE	Table King
LEAF TYPE	Ditto	FRUIT COLOR	Small Sugar (ripe)*
FLOWER TYPE	Ditto	CULINARY TYPE	Table King

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